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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joseph D. Torres

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19, 21, 22, 29-54 and 72-83 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 36 and 83-93 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54 and 72-82 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/21/2008
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 02/21/2008 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 02/21/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant contends, "In rejecting independent claim 36 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, the Office Action asserted that "Figure 2 in the Applicant's specification teaches that a signal 210 is a computer readable media. Signals are non-statutory." Applicants note that claim 36 is directed to computer readable media, not to signals as such".

The Examiner disagrees and asserts that that the claim limitations recite method steps intended for implementation as computer readable instructions. Nowhere does any limitation in the claims recite any limitation directed to a computer readable media further narrowing the computer readable media. Hence the claim limitations are

directed to a computer program, which is non-statutory since computer programs do not fall into any one of the four statutory categories of invention. Furthermore, the signal transmitted by antenna 210 Figure 2 in the Applicant's specification is computer readable media encompassed by the term "computer readable media". Signals storing computer program instructions for the duration required to traverse a wireless airspace are a computer readable medium and signals are non-statutory since signals do not fall into any one of the four statutory categories of invention. There is no part of claim 36 and 83-93 that is statutory no matter how the Applicant spins arguments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

1. Claims 36 and 83-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Figure 2 in the Applicant's specification teaches that a signal 210 is a computer readable media. Signals are non-statutory.

The claim limitations recite method steps intended for implementation as computer readable instructions. Nowhere does any limitation in the claims recite any limitation directed to a computer readable media further narrowing the computer readable media. Hence the claim limitations are directed to a computer program, which is non-statutory since computer programs do not fall into any one of the four statutory categories of invention. Furthermore, the signal

transmitted by antenna 210 Figure 2 in the Applicant's specification is computer readable media encompassed by the term "computer readable media". Signals storing computer program instructions for the duration required to traverse a wireless airspace are a computer readable medium and signals are non-statutory since signals do not fall into any one of the four statutory categories of invention. There is no part of claim 36 and 83-93 that is statutory no matter how the Applicant spins arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54 and 72-82 are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Torres whose telephone number is (571) 272-3829. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques can be reached on (571) 272-6962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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